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In accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, the Housing Authority is required to complete an Agency Plan that identifies program goals, major policies, and financial resources for both the Conventional Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant-Based Programs.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has clarified federal regulations that now require changes to the Agency Plan presented on today's agenda. In addition, the Housing Authority's legal counsel has clarified Housing Authority policy, also affecting the Agency Plan.

In accordance with federal regulations, the Housing Authority is required to conduct criminal background checks for all Section 8 applicants and new household members. The regulations also allow for criminal background checks for families transferring from other jurisdictions, which is considered portability. The Housing Authority will now conduct criminal background checks for all portabilities.

The Housing Authority currently denies housing assistance to any adult applicant if it discovers that the applicant is subject to sex offender lifetime registration under a state registration program. The Housing Authority is complying with additional federal

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regulations to expand this policy to include minors. The Housing Authority sex offender policy will now include minors from 13 years of age or older.

Additionally, if the Housing Authority discovers that a current public housing resident or Section 8 participant is on the sex offender registration list, the Housing Authority will review the matter on a case-by-case basis. The Housing Authority will consult with law enforcement and legal counsel and take appropriate actions based on its findings.

The Housing Authority's current drug-related criminal activity policy states Section 8 rental assistance may be terminated when a member of a household receiving assistance has been involved in drug-related crime on or off the premises. The policy has been revised to mirror the approved policy for Conventional Public Housing, in that if the criminal activity occurs within 1,000 feet of the assisted unit, the Housing Authority may propose termination of the household's rental assistance.

The Agency Plan also includes provisions for Conventional Public Housing residents, who are state-licensed childcare providers, to provide childcare in their units. To provide flexibility for these residents, Property Supervisor approval is no longer needed before commencing a Childcare Home Occupation.

The Housing Authority also plans to use Capital Fund Program funds to repay a proposed 30-month Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Float Loan. The Float Loan, between the County and the Housing Authority, will be presented to the Board in May and will seek to use \$6,200,000 in Countywide CDBG funds to complete rehabilitation projects at the following housing developments: Nueva Maravilla in unincorporated East Los Angeles; Carmelitos in the City of Long Beach; Harbor Hills in the City of Lomita; Orchard Arms in Valencia; Foothill Villa in La Crescenta; and Southbay Gardens in unincorporated South Los Angeles.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

1. Instruct the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to amend the current Agency Plan to incorporate revised policies for criminal background checks, drug-related criminal activity, an expanded lifetime sex offender policy and childcare home occupation.
2. Instruct the Executive Director to amend the Agency Plan to include the utilization of the Community Development Block Grant Float Loan for \$6,200,000 for the completion of projects in Public Housing developments, upon approval by the Board of Supervisors and Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority.

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